

**NPDES Stormwater  
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

**REPORT OF MEETING**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2006**

**10:00 A. M.**

**CITY OF SAN MATEO**

**1. INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ADOPTION OF MINUTES, AND REVISION TO AGENDA**

Self-introductions were made, Fred Jarvis (EOA) announced the Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program won a national award for its stormwater program, and the August meeting minutes were adopted as written

**2. PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Presentation from California Stormwater Quality Association – Matt indicated Geoff Brosseau, CASQA Executive Director, was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency, so passed around information regarding CASQA's various subcommittees and achievements on his behalf. Matt briefly covered some of the benefits CASQA membership provides and said membership for STOPPP would cost \$7,500 per year. Brief discussion ensued and the group agreed STOPPP should become a CASQA member in 2007.
- b. BASMAA-Recommended Performance Standards – Matt discussed the Bay Area Storm Water Management Agencies Association (BASMAA)'s recent submittal to the Regional Board and interested parties of proposed performance standards for the Municipal Regional Permit. The submittal was sent to Margaret Bruce (Regional Board Stormwater Subcommittee member) and Bruce Wolfe (Regional Board Executive Officer) and copied to Board Chair John Muller and Board staff as comments to the Stormwater Subcommittee following the September 8 workshop. BASMAA requested the submittal be placed on the Board's website to allow widespread distribution to all interested parties. BASMAA was subsequently notified by Regional Board counsel that the submittal constituted ex-parte communication because it was sent outside the public process on a pending permit matter and therefore neither Board member would read the submittal. BASMAA promptly responded with justification for why the submittal should not be considered prohibited, and awaits a response from Board counsel. Rich Napier (C/CAG) emphasized the importance of Board members being allowed to discuss permitting issues with the entities to whom they issue permits.
- c. Municipal Regional Permit Update – Matt gave an update on the Regional Board's Municipal Regional Permit (MRP) process. Board staff released their version of draft performance standards for the MRP several days ago (117 pages of material). The Board is holding a workshop to discuss their materials on November 15 from 9-3 and requests comments be submitted by November 8. Fred mentioned he saw many onerous items in his brief review. Cynthia Royer with Daly City suggested STOPPP provide a summarized comparison between the BASMAA submittal and the Board's proposal. She also recommended the Board's proposal be evaluated with regard to what could be done regionally and what each municipality will be responsible for implementing, as this analysis will be very important to the various municipalities. Pat Stone with Menlo Park voiced concerns about the short time frame to review such a large document and provide meaningful comments by November 8. Fred said EOA could provide the kind of analysis Cynthia was requesting, and thought he could have something preliminary for people to review by the end of the month.
- d. Proposed Hydrograph Modification Management Plan Permit Amendment – Matt discussed Board staff's proposal to amend STOPPP's permit to approve the Hydrograph Modification Management Plan (HMP), as previously emailed to TAC representatives. Matt said he has had two meetings with Board staff and program staff from the Alameda County and Fairfield-Suisun programs (who are also having their HMPs approved) to discuss the proposed language. The three programs will be providing recommended revisions to Board staff's language. Board staff hopes to take the proposed permit amendments to the Board for approval in January. Fred mentioned that training on the Bay Area

Hydrology Model is tentatively scheduled for November 14 (conflicts with Annual Integrated Pest Management Conference).

- e. AB1546 Funding Update – Matt gave a brief update on the reimbursement portion of the AB1546 funding and passed around the spreadsheet emailed to everyone back in September that shows what each municipality requested for reimbursement for the first half of 2005/06. Regarding the programmatic portion of the funding, Matt indicated STOPPP is getting involved in the El Camino Real/Grand Boulevard initiative for the Sustainable Streets project and has subcontracted with Clark Wilson who was involved with Portland's Green Streets Project to advise STOPPP. The New Development Subcommittee formed a workgroup to look at the Sustainable Streets and Parking Lot Treatment Options projects. Dermot Casey with the County offered to provide a proposed scope and budget for the Vehicle Washing Kits for Fundraisers project.
- f. Water Board Comments on Numeric Effluent Limits Expert Panel Report – Fred gave a brief summary of Regional Board staff's comments on the State Board's Blue Ribbon Panel report on the feasibility of using numeric effluent limitations in storm water permits. The Regional Board comments appear to support using Action Levels as an initial step toward developing stormwater treatment systems and numeric effluent limitations.
- g. Draft Deliverable Forms – Fred indicated the subcommittees have been reviewing the draft deliverable forms to see if there are recommended revisions. Fred mentioned Matt recommended eliminating any reporting that is not specifically required by the permit or in STOPPP's performance standards. Fred expected to have the deliverables out to everyone within the next week or so.
- h. Sponsorship of Annual Integrated Pest Management Conference – Matt received a request from the City of San Jose to see if STOPPP would again sponsor the annual IPM conference. Everyone supported sponsoring the conference at the same financial level as last year.
- i. Regional Water Quality Control Board Report – Habte Kifle mentioned the annual meeting of the Regional Monitoring Program on September 12. He said the main topic of discussion was emerging pollutants such as pyrethroids. He recommended everyone review the "Pulse of the Estuary" document prepared by the San Francisco Estuary Institute, as it is full of useful information. The document is available on SFEI's website, at [www.sfei.org](http://www.sfei.org). Regarding STOPPP's annual report, Habte offered his apologies for not being able to provide feedback on previous annual reports due to resource limitations at the Board. He hoped to do an overall review of at least one of the report sections for this fiscal year and provide feedback to the municipalities. Fred asked if Habte could start visiting municipalities for informal audits as was done in previous years. Habte agreed that would be a useful approach and said he would try to review Volume 1 of the Annual Report and then pick some municipalities to visit.

### 3. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION/PARTICIPATION (PIP) – MARILYN HARANG

Marilyn indicated PIP met on September 12 after the County fair in August. They discussed the BASMAA Regional Advertising Campaign and their proposal to focus on trash for the coming year. At the County Fair, contacts increased by about 20 percent. All agencies were involved in staffing STOPPP's booth. The free recycled bottle shopping bag was a big hit. The annual Community Grant notices were distributed, as well as contract information about Zun Zun. The image branding process continues, most PIP members were not happy with the consultant's first attempt at developing a new logo, so a follow-up meeting was held with interested parties on October 10. The consultant is using feedback from that meeting to bring something new back to PIP, which will then ultimately go to TAC for approval. There were 26 county locations for Coastal Cleanup Day, and the County received two new household hazardous waste grants. The next meeting is scheduled for November 14.

#### COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL AND ILLICIT DISCHARGE (CII) – WARD DONNELLY

Ward said CII met on October 12. The Bay Area Pollution Prevention Group is holding a workshop in December on dental amalgams and in November on cooling towers. The Educational Outreach work group reported the restaurant BMP poster is ready to print subject to the image branding activities in PIP. The automotive poster is also being updated, as well as

other BMP flyers. The group discussed training ideas and hopes to get David Elias with the Regional Board to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss facilities subject to the State's General Industrial Stormwater Permit. CII's March training workshop video is now available on [www.flowstobay.org](http://www.flowstobay.org). There was discussion regarding stormwater inspection fees. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14.

NEW DEVELOPMENT (ND) – MATT FABRY

Matt reported ND met on October 3. They discussed the upcoming construction management workshops that will be held in Brisbane on November 1 and in Santa Clara county on December 5. The group also discussed the proposed permit amendment for the HMP and status of the Bay Area Hydrology Model. There was an update from the work group developing a builders' technical guidance manual, that is scheduled for completion in approximately six months. Matt provided the group an update on the Sustainable Streets and Parking Lot Treatment Options AB1546 projects and solicited volunteers for a work group. The next meeting is scheduled for December 5.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES – Jen Chen

Fred indicated Municipal Maintenance met in August and would meet again tomorrow. He said the main discussion is regarding the subcommittee's focus for the year, which will be litter and trash. The next meeting is October 18.

PARKS AND RECREATION IPM GROUP – VERN BESSEY

Parks and Rec met on August 29 and discussed MRP issues, received an update from Tim Richmond on Burlingame's IPM program, discussed an outreach message for the year, which will be coordinated with Municipal Maintenance. Rich Napier asked Vern if Measure A, which is on the November ballot, was discussed at all at the Parks and Rec meeting, as some of the funds may be available for parks, if approved. Vern said it had not been discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for October 24.

WATERSHED ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING (WAM) –FRANK MANDOLA

Frank reported that WAM met in September and discussed the Department of Pesticide Regulation's re-evaluation of pyrethroids, which could lead to a restriction or ban on their use. Watershed assessments have been performed in four areas so far in San Mateo County, and water quality results were fairly similar for all four. EOA staff are performing creek walks in various watersheds this month. They will do a rapid assessment of the creeks and also identify trash hot spots for further monitoring. There was a presentation on PCBs and discussion of regional collaboration on monitoring under the proposed MRP. The next meeting is scheduled for November 9.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rich Napier announced that C/CAG is still focused on addressing issues associated with funding increases under Proposition 218. He said a recent court decision made things harder as it said water rates are now also subject to Prop 218. Things were put on the back burner this year due to the infrastructure bond, but Rich assured everyone it is still a priority for C/CAG.

The group agreed to tentatively cancel the December meeting, with the next meeting scheduled for November 21 in South San Francisco.

6. ADJOURNED